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THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER WILL BE SOMEWHAT SMALLER THAN USUAL DUE TO FIELD DAY ITEMS AND PHOTO SPREAD SECTION .

Another great Field Day year and other happenings around the club

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

DAVE W7UUU

I can't believe that another Field Day is behind us! My how the time seems to fly any more. But this year we had some very nice improvements to logistics, and some really interesting experimental antennas that made use of a couple of giant weather balloons. The biggest improvement for many operators was the addition of the twenty by thirty-foot white party tent. Mike W7MKE stepped up to provide a very nice floor system to make the "room" that resulted stable and comfortable for all.

Our Field Day Committee Coordinator, Adam W2NCC, did an outstanding job putting all the pieces together and helping guide the assembly of the gear, facilities and staffing of all five key operating positions. One of the highlights, in my opinion, was the experimentation with a pair of reusable nine-foot helium weather "lift balloons", each providing around 14 pounds of lift for a total of twenty pounds of lift to pull coaxial cables and antennas into the air, as high as two-hundred feet! Everyone on the team learned quickly that managing such pulling power takes a lot of work, strength in the operators, and control, lest things just take off on their own. It was a very interesting process to see the various antennas raised, and the delicate ballet by Randy WB4SPB and others to keep the lines from fouling other antennas. In all, three different antennas were tried – 6-meters, 80-meters, and even 160-meters. I felt that the spirt of radio amateur experimentation and learning was very much alive and on display.

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We also had the treat of being visited by our most senior member, Worth Gurley W7WG, who stopped by to visit (with his daughter Heather). Adam W2NCC quickly saw an opportunity to get Worth actively involved in Field Day, and with the aid of Rich KR7W, convinced Worth to take a seat at the 20-meter CW station for a short time on the air making contacts. As many know, Worth has been a CW operator for almost his entire life since he first became a ham in 1934. He has remained active all these years as a regular Morse operator on the bands from home and even from mountain tops working SOTA stations (Summits on the Air) with Rich and others over the years.

Steve AF7YD, although not expecting Worth to show up as a surprise operator, did have his video camera on hand to record much of the time that Worth was at the key and receiver. Rich provided some needed copy assistance, due to the noisy environment but Worth carried his own all the way. He logged more than just a few QSOs into the W7DK Field Day log. Steve was able to edit the video down to about 9 minutes, with a fair number of contacts recorded. You can watch the video on YouTube by clicking THIS LINK. If you're a CW operator, you'll enjoy copying all the contacts. Worth's sending is very solid. Listen for the "dit dit" at the end of one of the QSOs, an age-old final closing of a CW contact.

It was fun to watch Worth just naturally provide this little handshake at the end – the mark of a longtime operator. Worth will turn 100 years young on September 18, 2018 and plans are in the works for a celebration at which we will play this video. It's interesting to note that Worth became a ham just about one year after the ARRL created Field Day in 1933! Truly amazing to have such a piece of amateur radio history right in our own membership.

Thanks so much to all the many "hands on deck" that it took this year, as it does every year, to pull off another successful Field Day. Our QSO count was around 1100, down a bit from last year but conditions were far from favorable. In the end, Field Day is an exercise in the practice of getting a lot of communications gear hooked up and operating in a location not normally used for radio. And along the way, have a lot of fun making contacts and visiting with friends. Of course, no event like this would be right without having the world-famous Field Day Chuckwagon provided by Paul W7PFU and Jan K7HTU, and all those who brought pot-luck dishes.

In other clubhouse news, I'm pleased to report that the new AED "life saving defibrillator" device has now been installed near the inner door of the Lou Room, on the entry of the building where it is not only out of the way of folks passing close by, it's also where the fire department team would most likely enter and thus just a wee bit closer for their use. Thanks again to the whole AED team, from Bob K7MXE who really got the ball rolling and ordered the device, Verna KF7SCB for her guidance and persuasion at the April General Meeting to finally push this through, and to the endless woodworking and other technical assistance of Rich KR7W for building up the enclosure, and providing the installation skills.

Well that's it for now. Seems we have yet another heat wave and ensuing drought upon us, so everyone stay hydrated, wear sunscreen, and try to keep cool.

See you all at the August General Meeting (Saturday August 4th at the Eagles Aerie #3 as usual). Program will be the ever-popular Wild Bill's Mad Scientist Show with yet another display of electrical and electronic zany home engineering, yet again channeling Tesla himself!

Dave W7UUU

A WORD FROM THE ARRL . . .

By Joe Lester, K7ZG

The ARRL Board and Executive Committee are working to complete updates to the Bylaws and Articles of Association. Most of the proposed changes are positive. They concern such matters as indemnification and personal liability of directors, vice directors and officers; updates to the wording used to describe the ARRL; and a clarification to the election cycle of Directors. These routine changes have been reviewed by the Executive Committee, are recommended by legal counsel, and are expected to be approved. Work continues on the "Code of Conduct" based on a simplified version of a template document recommended by the National Council of Nonprofits, with a final draft to be considered by the Executive Committee at its Fall meeting.

Some have told me they are not seeing all of the information available in ARRL newsletters. Check your ARRL membership profile to be sure your email subscriptions are up to date. Those who have checked "news and information from your ARRL division director/vice-director" will have received the latest report and interesting information dated July 6 from the Northwestern Division Vice Director, Bonnie Altus AB7ZQ.

The Amateur Radio Parity Act promises help for radio amateurs living with outdoor antenna restrictions imposed by their homeowners associations. You will find the latest news regarding legislative activity at page 73 of July QST. Currently the language of the Amateur Radio Parity Act has been inserted in the National Defense Authorization Act. The ARRL has pledged to continue pressing for support to enact the Parity Act throughout the legislative process.

Our club's affiliation with the ARRL extends back to 1920. In order to retain our status as an ARRL Special Service Club, we need at least 51% ARRL membership. If you'd like to join the ARRL, that would be great. You can do so online on the website arrl.org.

View of Field Day site from balloons at about 200 feet.

Bill AD7QI in his cruiser and Eileen KG7RJA chatting

Amateur Radio Emergency Service July 2018

Greetings,

ARES contributes a monthly series of articles about amateur radio, and emergency communications, and the Pierce County District 5 ARES.
Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is an ARRL organization dedicated to supporting Amateur Radio Emergency Communication through skill and preparedness.

The Background…
Pierce County ARES District 5 manages ARES activity, training, exercises, and skill development. Pierce County ARES supports and meets at the Pierce County Emergency Operations Center.

ARES recent activities:

ARRL IS BRINGING AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE INTO THE 21ST CENTURY:
NEW PROGRAM, NEW MISSION
Principal goals are aimed at bringing the ARES organizational Structure into alignment with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS).
This process will bring new guidelines for ARES Emergency Coordinators, District, and Section Emergency Coordinators. Washington State has two sections, Western and Eastern Washington. *We live and operate in the ARES Pierce County District 5 which covers the entire County.*
The new program was beta tested in Washington State in March and is slated for implementation this coming September.
The ARRL's vision is for ARES to provide organized, trained, qualified, and credentialed Amateur Radio operators who can provide radio communications expertise, capability and capacity to partnered agencies.
Changes include mandatory training to include ARRL Emergency Communications courses and the already standard FEMA NIMS/ICS courses; ICS – 100, 200, 700, 800 and advanced courses for higher levels. These courses provide instruction in the Incident Command System and the National Incident Management System at initial and intermediate levels and advanced instruction in ICS Command and Staff Organization, the National Response Framework. Three new training levels would dovetail with these three new levels of ARES participation.

ORTING MARATHON: on 30 June 2018 Pierce County ARES Public Service volunteers reported to multiple stations to support the first Orting Marathon. Operators provided marathon communications support to race managers and safety and water stations along the route while supporting Orting officials and first responders. If you haven't participated in a community service event, we certainly encourage you to do so. We plan to pair up inexperienced operators with experienced ones to make it a more comfortable, great fun and useful experience, and good public exposure for Pierce County ARES.

Coming Events/Training:
(Unless otherwise indicated location is Pierce County Emergency Operations Center)
19 July 2018: 7 pm Thursday Regular membership meeting will include a review of the recently conducted statewide quarterly Emergency Operations Centers exercise which ran 30 June from around 8:30 to noon. K7DKK the District Emergency Coordinator will provide an orientation to Radio Direction Finding.

ARES Meetings:
ARES District 5 Meets Monthly on the Third Thursday at 7 pm at the Pierce County Emergency Operations Center. Meetings always have a program, normally an EmComm Training Focus.
Pierce County District 5 Website http://www.piercecountyares.net/web
ARES Membership Application http://www.piercecountyares.net/web/application
ARES Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/PierceCountyARES/files/

ARES **Information and Communications Plan frequencies:**
For Team and EOC frequencies and other ARES activities at the W7DK.org Website, using the following link:
http://www.w7dk.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=46&Itemid=111

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When you need amateur radio, you really need it!

MFJ-941EK HF TUNER KIT 1.8 MHz to 30 MHz 300Watt Cross Needle Meter VERSA TUNER

Do you miss the days when you could buy Do-It-Yourself kits to build 'real' electronics for your radio shack? This MFJ-941EK Kit is the MFJ-941E Versa Tuner with all parts BEFORE FINAL ASSEMBLY!!

This makes an excellent intermediate project for a new ham, or a great way for an experienced Amateur to save money by completing the final assembly yourself.

The MFJ-941E gives you a 300 Watt antenna tuner that covers 1.8 MHz - 30 MHz -- plus you get a lighted Cross-Needle meter with on/off switch, antenna switch, and a 4:1 balun!

MFJ's lighted Cross-Needle meter shows SWR, forward and reflected power at a glance in 300/60 watt and 30/6 watt ranges. The 8 position antenna switch lets you select from 2 coax lines, random wire/balanced line or dummy load (direct or through).

An efficient 12 position air wound inductor gives lower losses and more power out. The tuner has a 4:1 balun and 1000 Volt capacitors. The beautiful aluminum cabinet has a durable scratch-proof multicolor Lexan front panel that matches your rig perfectly and fits right into your station.

The kit costs approximately $120.00 from GIGAPARTS https://www.gigaparts.com/mfj-941ek.html?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIl-CgpYKV3AIVFdtkCh2rJAmfEAQYASABEgKI7_D_BwE and will take the beginning builder about 4 to 6 hours to finish. Soldering required. Watch for the next RCT bulk purchase for big discounts.

Members helping members—the 'ham' spirit.

Big thanks to Warren NG7G, along with non-ham friends Mike, Mitch and Leroy for helping Dave W7UUU erect the 8 foot Glen Martin roof tower at our new place out in Port Orchard. We took it all down in March, prior to moving, and now finally have the chance to get it back in the air.

At the top of the mast is a simple 11-element 2m FM beam, and below that a 5-element 6m Cushcraft beam. Soon, right at the thrust bearing, the old Mosley TA-33MW will be installed. On side-arms I have a 5/8th wave 2m vertical and a Discone scanner antenna, both of which stick out about four feet.

Sure, it's a lot of stuff probably too close together on a small mast, but it's better than leaving it all on the ground! I'm working on the Morgan Mfg. lightning arrestor panel right now and should have it all protected and on the air in another week or so.

Thanks again Warren for being the "ham on the roof" and lead of the installation group.

Dave W7UUU

That's Warren NG7G in the blue shirt; always ready to assist.

Pacific Northwest QRP group SALMONCON was a great success.

Grant K7GTT (w/glasses) and his friend get a feel for SDR radio on P.J.'s Flex 6400M after they heard his presentation on its features. Phil K7PIA is behind P.J.'s right shoulder checking out one of the many rigs that were set up. In the background several attendees gather around the 'build' table trouble shooting an Elecraft KX3 with audio problems. Looks like it has to go back to Elecraft for a closer look. Great fun.

From the Head Librarian AD7AV

In 2003 Doug (Douglas E. Oakman) AD7AV was asked by then-president Mick Pier to become the club librarian. Much had been accumulating over the years on the upstairs shelves, and the library was in a notable state of neglect. So, AD7AV undertook to make a complete inventory. From then to today, decisions have had to be made as to what will stay and what will go. At first, the library catalog was based upon Dewey Decimal numbers, but recently with the able help of George K7GRS each book is now assigned a unique locator number and shelved in a subject group area. With the on-line library search, this makes finding things much easier.

Librarian Doug has been ably assisted over the last fifteen years by a committed group now comprised of George K7GRS, Al N7OMS, Chuck AC7QN, Rich KR7W, Sue KF7SOW, and Randy WB4SPB. Other important assistance in the past has been rendered by Larry KD4VOM, Pat WT7N, Debbie KD7UYN, and Steve AD7AB. The library has a clear purpose, "to preserve the history of the club and of amateur radio as well as to provide useful technical information to members." Club bylaws require that there be a Circulating Library (now with over one hundred items), and it gets ample use. The upstairs collection is for research in accord with club purposes and is limited to use within the club premises (see website on this). The Library Committee strongly desires that these materials be well used and continues to seek ways for even better utilization. If you have suggestions about things to add to the library, or suggestions about library usage, please don't hesitate to contact Doug - oakmande@plu.edu or at ad7av@arrl.net.

The Head Librarian provides a semiannual report to the board, and he also now sends reminders to club patrons who have books out from the Circulating Library for over three weeks. The library has been allocated $500 annually for the acquisition of new books, subscriptions (Electric Radio, QEX, NCJ), and classic or historical works. Further, more eBooks and eResources are available through the club website. Within the past two years, the W7DK board has also designated AD7AV as Archivist and Club Historian. These roles logically intersect with the interests of the library and the museum leadership. Projects are currently being defined to pursue the writing of a club history based upon all of these source materials.

If you have an interest in learning more about the club library or history, again please contact Doug AD7AV: oakmande@plu.edu or at or ad7av@arrl.net.

This and That

Auto Parts Discount

From time to time many of us at RCT will choose to do some of our own auto repair work to help make more funds available for more important stuff, like HR projects. Baxter Auto Parts has shared the secret password with RCT for a discount at their stores. Tell the counter person the sale is for TACOMA PREFERRED. The discount does not apply to all inventory. The Tacoma Warehouse location is at 5950 N. 9th St, Tacoma, 98406. On Sixth Ave. immediately West of N. Pearl St., behind LA Fitness. Also at 12615 Pacific Ave, Tacoma 98444.

That's *This and That* for now.

Hope you found this helpful. Topic Suggestions & Feedback Welcome.

73's, Steve AF7YD

Upgrade your license to Extra Class

Dave Brooks, N7HT and Galen Sutton, KA7UQH will be teaching an **Extra Class License Upgrade Course** beginning September 24, 2018. The Extra Class Course sessions will be held on successive Monday evenings from 7 PM to 9 PM through December 10, at the Radio Club of Tacoma Clubhouse, 1249 S. Washington St., Tacoma, WA 98405.

The manuals that are required for the class are the;

ARRL Extra Class License Manual, 11th edition, ISBN 978-1-62595-045-1 (soft cover) or 978-1-62595-055-0 (spiral bound)

ARRL FCC Rules and Regulations Manual, 4th edition (2017), ISBN: 978-1-62595-075-8

Each student is responsible for acquiring their own manuals. There is also a required materials package for the class which contains quizzes and other needed materials, available at a cost of $8.00 from the instructor.

For further information and to register for the class contact Dave Brooks, N7HT, at **253-363-1692**. Or email **dbbrooks@hotmail.com** and use the subject line "Extra Class Course".

Adam W2NCC and Joe KG7ZYB working the 20m station.

Paul W7PFU manning the kitchen and Red WB7EC

Warren NG7G on his Flex 6400M working 40m phone

Visitor on the air under watchful eye of Bruce WB7TVS

Radio Club of Tacoma FIELD DAY 2018

This pretty much sums up the sentiments of attendees to our field day.

Letter To The Editor:

The weekend of June 23-24, the Radio Club of Tacoma participated in the most popular event in ham radio, the ARRL Field Day. The goal of this event, according to the ARRL website, was to set up temporary transmitting stations in public places and work as many stations on amateur bands as possible in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions.
I would like to take this opportunity as a, mostly, inactive member of the Radio Club, to thank the members who were involved in the planning, preparation and execution of this event at the Western State Hospital grounds. It took a lot of volunteers to set up and test all the antennas, the radio stations, the networking, and the food court. There were also lots of events throughout the weekend, from helium balloon antennas, to bicycle powered radio contacts that were very entertaining as well as educational.
The operating environment was extremely welcoming with five fully equipped stations under one roof. The station managers were knowledgeable, organized and very willing to help everyone "get on the air". A big thank you goes out to their dedication and patience.
The food tent was, once again, outstanding with Paul and Jan preparing and serving lunches, breakfasts, and a wonderful Saturday night feast featuring ribs, chicken and all the fixings. I hope everyone contributed to their "piggy bank" or at least took the time to thank them.
Adam was the project manager for organizing this very successful Field Day event. I know he started the planning process months in advance and dedicated many, many hours to ensuring the success. I want to thank him for an outstanding event and encourage him to hopefully volunteer to lead next year.
It takes a lot of hands to set up, operate, and take down all the equipment for this event. If you were unable to help or attend this year, I hope you will plan for 2019. It's a great opportunity to see your Radio Club in action.

Pat, WT7N

Pat WT7N takes a turn racking up points.

Dave W7HTJ and PJ N7PH make 3 solid 6 meter CW contacts while Bruce WE7P mans the digital station on 20 meters

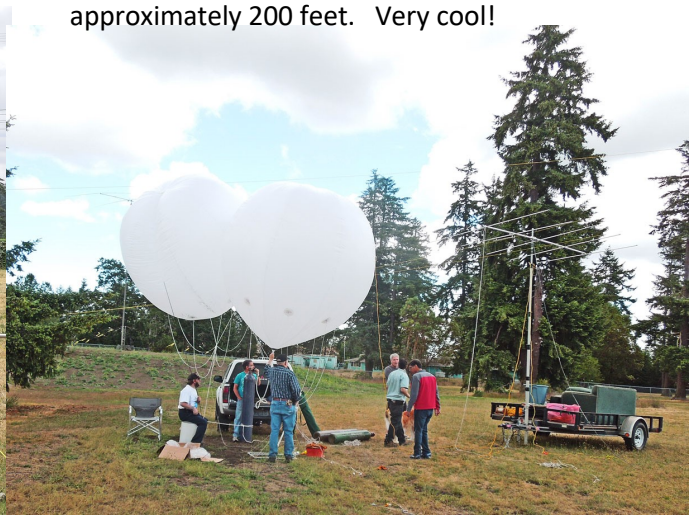
Antenna setup practice in clubhouse parking lot to ensure a safe and efficient site operation.

Practice pays off - 'Ladder Tower' setup at FD site

Adam W2NCC and Randy WB4SPB assemble beam feedline

Raising the 'Ladder Tower' and checking all connections.

Filling and making ready to launch the balloons to haul up several 'experimental' antennas to approximately 200 feet. Very cool!



Liz W6RHY and hubby Ron "Doc" K7MLO 'ON-THE-AIR'

Bruce WE7P operates the Flex 6500 digital station.

Bob KF7GPO, Doug K7FDR, and Mike W7XTZ work phone.

Rich KR7W's Elecraft 'Go Box' CW position.

W7DK 80 meter phone position.

Monte AF7PQ, ARRL Western Washington Section Mngr. and Randy WB4SPB enjoy a cold drink w/ Red WB7EC and Dave K7LHB at the food pavilion.

Whit KG7LNZ & Adam W2NCC unload club generator

Al 'Doc' N7OMS enjoys a moment before the chaos begins.

Field Day Site from the antenna lift balloons about 200 feet altitude.

Adam W2NCC, Randy WB4SPB & Warren NG7G shooting antenna support lines.

Washington State Hospital grounds provide adequate and spacious room for and FD activities and limited camping.

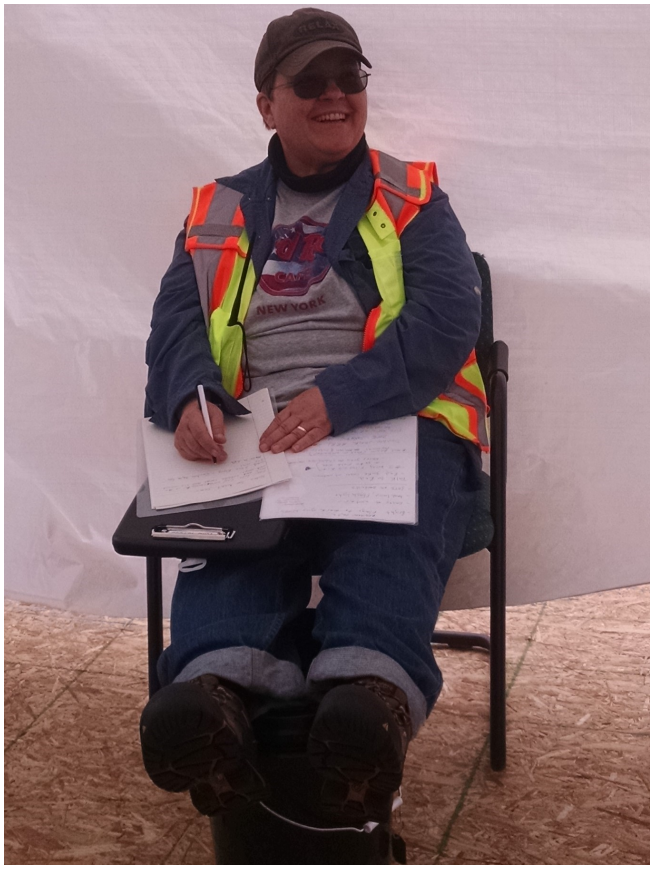
Worth Gurley, W7WG RCT elder statesman at 100 yrs old, shows the youngsters how it's done. A wonderful moment at Field Day.

Randy WB4SPB engages an eager visitor.

Once again Paul W7PFU and Jan K7HTU supply snacks, beverages, meals and other respite for all.

Preparing the balloon lifted 160M quarter-wave antenna for launch. Station canopy in background.

Verna KF7SCB Safety Officer takes a well earned break



Verna KF7SCB, Mike W7MKE, Al N7OMS, and Joe K7ZG making contacts prior to the start time to check out the rigs.

Radio Club of Tacoma
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2018

Meeting called to order at 1900 by Vice President Mike W7XTZ.

Officers and Directors Present

Vice President	Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Secretary	Mike Finnie W7MWF
Board	Bruce Hanson WE7P
Board	Adam Barbera W2NCC
Board	Red Cranefield WB7EC
Board	Phil Pia K7PIA

Quorum A quorum was present. 11 club members signed the attendance roster.

Silent Key or Illness Past RCT Vice President Casey Hicks WY7V RCT #797 became Silent Key May 6.
Greta KF7KSW reported that Scott Bogue NB7N RCT #601 is now in a nursing home.
Peter AD7EU has some upcoming medical procedures planned. Our best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.
It was reported that Al N7OMS mother had recently passed at age 96. Our condolences to him and his family.

Approval of Minutes The minutes of the May 2, 2018 Board Meeting were approved as circulated.

Secretary's Report Mike W7MWF reported receipt of the usual correspondence.

Treasurer's Report (AF7YD) No report

Committee / Reports

Membership	- George K7gRS reported membership stands at 265
Training	-Tech License Training June 9/10 -VE Testing June 12 - General Class license training underway April 6 through June 18, 2018
Info Tech	- Randy WB4SPB reported all IT systems functioning within normal and epected parameters. Randy also advised the board that member James Moore KI7TPO has loaned the club 3 Dell laptops for use in Field Day operations/logging
HF Operations	- Phil K7PIA reported all systems working. Maintenance and repair is underway on amplifiers.
Repeater Ops	- Tim K7TMW has been made aware of issues with the Bates 21 repeater.

Facilities Mgmt - A bid was received from Puget Sound Gutter s in the amount of $279.79 for materials and installation of gutters on the garage. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the bid and have the gutters installed. (Note: The gutters were installed on June 12 and the bill has been submitted to the Treasurer).

A Bid for replacement of the garage bay door has been received. Action was tabled until the July BOD meeting.

Man-door status – still a work in progress pending logistics issues.

Alarm status and battery checks. The outside siren has been disconnected. Smoke detector test is planned as well as battery testing.

Alley tree trimming in progress

Idea submitted to start FD load out an hour early and stockpile unused clutter items for disposal. Stage junk behind the clubhouse or other location. Generally accepted as a doable task.

Property Mgmt - Red WB7EC provided Sales reports of $1300 for May. Raffle generated reve nue of $96 in May. Red submitted a request for disposition of surplus property, which was approved by the Board. A copy of the list of items is filed with these minutes.

Museum - It was announced that the W7OS station will participate in the upcoming SKCC Weekend Sprint on June 9/10. Theme is Boat Anchors.

Weds Workshop - Presentation topic will be by Larry KD4VOM about the amateur radio response to the Puerto Rico hurricane.

General Meeting - Presentation Topic for July Meeting will be FD after-action report.

Unfinished Business

AED/CPR training held on May 27. 10 Attendees completed class and reported it was a good class and worthwhile. A future class will be coordinated with Tacoma Fire Department.

Installation and equipping of Safety Center in progress

Recovery and disposition of 70 feet Rohn 25 tower stored at Larry KD4VOM QTH. Coordination of recovery of the tower is ongoing. Possible plans for installation of the tower to support the garage antenna were discussed.

The appointment of additional member (s) to serve on committees in instances where a committee has only 1 participant was tabled until July meeting since it requires Presidential action

Tower maintenance status report was tabled until the July meeting.

New Business

Mike W7MWF requested purchase of additional club banner for sales events (conflict with info booth). Upon inspection, it was discovered that the formerly missing banner has been found. Request for new banner withdrawn.

Reschedule date for July BOD meeting since 1st Wed of July is a holiday. By vote of the Board, the July BOD meeting is rescheduled for the following week, Wednesday, July 11, 2018.

Activity Reports and Discussion Topics

Hidden Transmitter Hunt – Was held at Ft. Nisqually May 20th. About a dozen participants reported it was a fun and well-run hunt.

Results of May 5th Seventh Area QSO Contest were provided by Phil K7PIA. 840 QSOs were completed, many participants including several newer members got on the air.

Adam W2NCC provided Field Day Planning updates. To enable antenna separation, Adam requested authorization to purchase 2 250 foot spools of LMR400Flex coaxial cable. Moved, seconded and ap proved to authorize expense of $600. Adam and team will ensure that the cable is well marked and identified as W7DK property.

Reminder that the General Meeting will be held Saturday July 7 1:00 PM at the Eagles Club

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 2013 PDT.

Respectfully submitted
Mike W7MWF
RCT Secretary

Radio Club of Tacoma
General Meeting Agenda
June 2, 2018

Meeting called to order at 1330 PDT by President Dave W7UUU at **the Eagles Aerie #3 Hall**

Officers and Directors Present

President	Dave Ellison W7UUU
Secretary	Mike Finnie W7MWF
Board	Red Cranefield WB7EC

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mike W7MWF

Health and Welfare

Silent Keys and Illness Past RCT Vice President Casey Hicks WY7V RCT #797 became Silent Key May 6. Greta KF7KSW reported that Scott Bogue NB7N RCT #601 is now in a nursing home.

Welcome and Self-Introductions – many members at SeaPac this weekend.

Guest present was David KI7YFZ
New Calls None announced
Self-introductions were completed. Many members away at SeaPac Conference

Secretary's Report Mike W7MWF reported usual Correspondence received.

Treasurer's Report (AF7YD) No Report

Committee / Activity Reports

Membership George K7GRS reported membership stands at 262. He also gave an overview of member retention statistics and solicited ideas for promoting renewals.

Training -Tech License Training June 9/10
- General Class license training underway April 6 through June 18, 2018

VE Report - Mike W7MWF provided the VE report on behalf of John AC7WW, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The next VE Session will be held June 12

HF Operations - Randy WB4SPB advised there were no abnormalities with any of the radios. Service and maintenance/repair is ongoing with amplifiers.

Repeater Ops - It was reported that there are some audio issues with the Bates 21 repeater and Tim K7TMW has been made aware of them.

IT Report - Randy WB4SPB reported that the IT system is operating within normal and expected parameters.

Museum - On Jun 9 and 10 the W7OS station will be operating in the SKCC Weekend

Sprintathon. The theme of the sprint is Boat Anchors, and points are calculated based on number of t ubes and us of crystals.

Facilities Mgmt - A bid has been submitted for installation of gutters and will be considered by the Board at their next meeting. Configuration of the Safety Center is in progress.

Prop Mgmt - Red WB7EC reported May receipts of over $1300 from sales and $96 from raffle.

4th Weds Activity Night - A presentation of the response to the Puerto Rico hurricane by the amateur radio community is anticipated

New Business No new business

Unfinished Business and Announcements

Hidden Transmitter Hunt – A successful event was held Sunday May 20, 2018 Fort Nisqually Shelter Area, Pt. Defiance Park. Approximately a dozen hunters participated. Article and photos will appear in the June Bark. Bunny hunts are being considered in the future to be held in the City Park across from the Eagles Club. It was also suggested as an event at the summer picnic.

7QP Al N7OMS reported a successful event with several new operators getting on the air. 840 QSOs were logged.

AED/CPR Training – was held at the clubhouse on Sunday May 27. 10 members participated and instruction was provided by Pat from the Tacoma Fire Department. Several attendees from the class reported that it was an excellent class and valuable training. It is hoped that an additional class can be coordinated with TFD.

Program The program for this meeting was a slide show prepared by Adam W2NCC and Dave W7UUU regarding field day operations/planning. Field day will be held June 22-24 at the Washington State Hospital grounds. Dave also announced details for the summer picnic.

The picnic will be held August 22 from 11:30 until 4:30 at the Fort Steilacoom Park. Additional announcements will be forthcoming throughout the next couple of months.

Tuning and Traffic No reports

Door Prizes Anne N7ANN and Bob KF7GPO each won a door prize.

Raffle Prize Dave W7UUU won the raffle prize.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 1440 PDT.

Respectfully submitted
Mike W7MWF
RCT Secretary

The Club LINEUP

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